

RM-10787, if passed, will degrade the integrity of the amateur radio licensing methodology, and overall, reduce the standards by which amateur radio operators have been known.

CW Testing is a valid requirement. There is no other methodology identified to date that adequately tests a basic understanding of the CW Mode/Transmissions. There are tests on the written portion that test a basic understanding of RTTY, SSTV, etc., operations, however, no such written exam is applicable to a basic, entry level understanding of CW (morse code).

Furthermore, the parties involved in the push to remove code testing are ignoring the fact that the code test has been reduced to 5 wpm which by anyone's standards is simple to learn, does not hinder anyone from obtaining a radio license. Removal of Morse Code testing is not in the best interest of the amateur community.